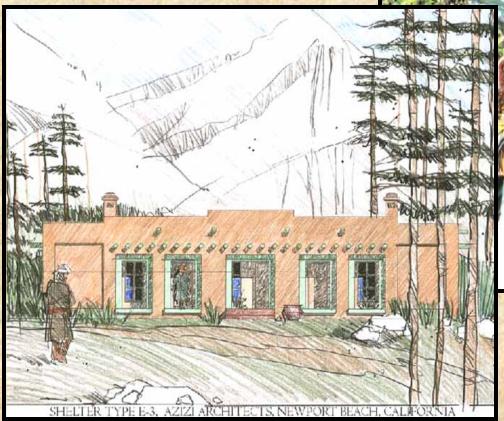
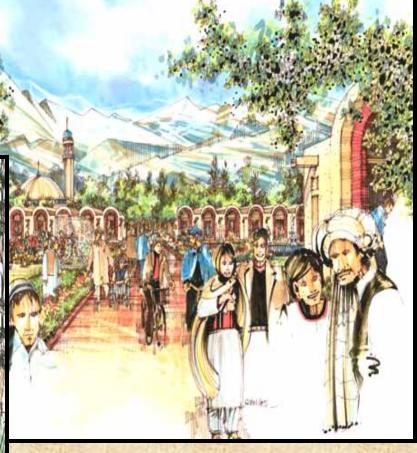


We're Not Here Yet,





indeed...

WHILE LIVING IN FLOOD-WRACKED BANGKOK IN 1992, I READ THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER HEADLINE:

"Singapore: Engineering Society Announces Country Flood-Free"

Could it be that the combination of planning, provision, and management of land and services to support settlements had resulted in the elimination of...

"HARM'S WAY"?

In a word, ...

"YES"!!

Even though it's "only" Singapore...

RECALL THE IMPACTS OF "HYDROMET" DISASTERS <u>NOT</u> BEING TRIVIAL...

- From '98-'07, 2.77 billion affected, or 98.5% of total affected by natural disasters
- 2.77 billion = approx. 41% of global pop.!
- 867,000 people killed, or 84% of total killed by natural disasters
- \$805 billion in damages, or 85% of total caused by natural disasters

Source: WDR 2008, IFRCC



Yet Land Issues, in Particular, Are Often A Major Impediment to Assistance

- In many countries, the land management system (e.g., planning, measuring, recording, documenting, regulating, taxing) is ineffective, and
- Policy makers know steps "A <u>and</u>
 Z", but not steps B, C, and D.
 Problems are so complex that they
 overwhelm <u>existing</u> capacities.

A KEY QUESTION: HOW TO CONCEIVE THE SECTOR?

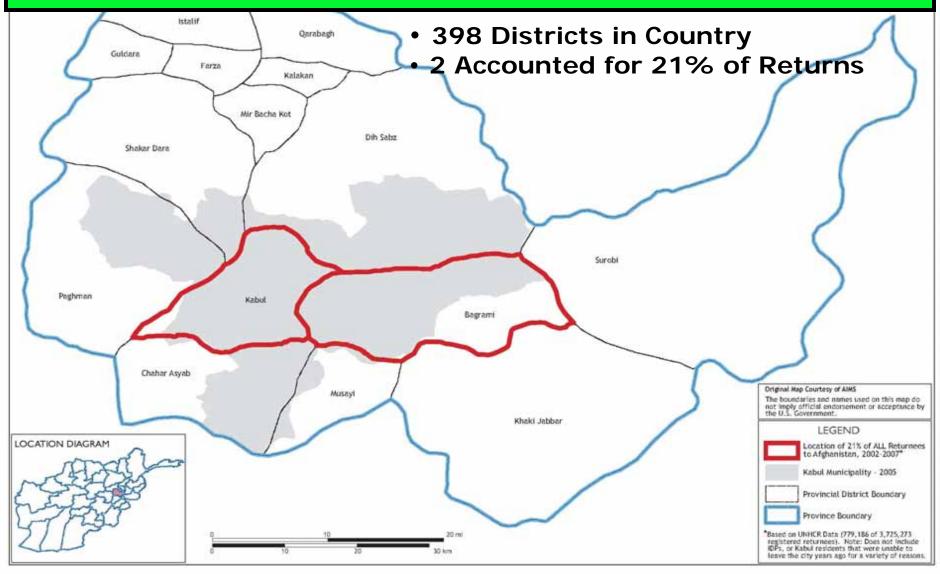


Ambulance Chasing... or "Market" Analysis?

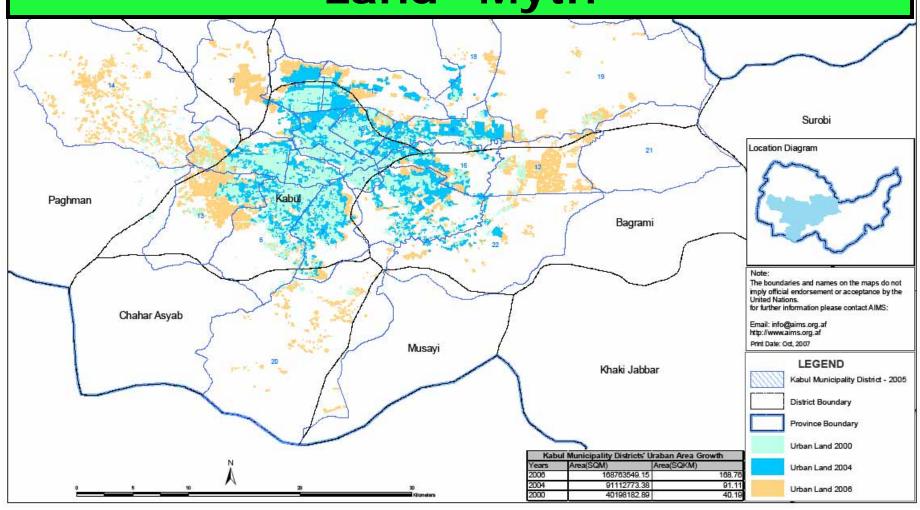
CONCEIVING THE SECTOR: Thinking Broadly...

- Looking beyond the rubble will yield new resources, new options, and new opportunities for responding effectively and appropriately to identified needs
- This includes assessment of land, labor, and materials markets in affected settlements
- "SOS" Concept/Tool permits a systematic examination of capacity in many places.

MAPPING AND UNDERSTANDING NEEDS A KEY TO DISPELLING MYTHS

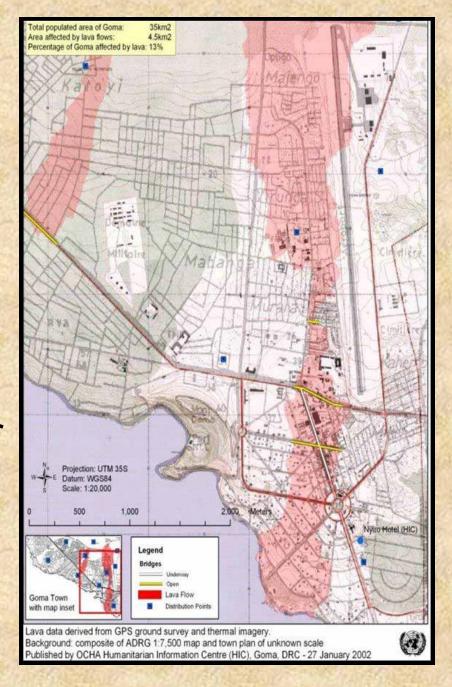


Kabul: 4X Physical Growth, But Only 16% Developed; Undermines "No Land" Myth



GOMA: 13% of the city covered by lava, but 87% *NOT*!

"SOS" Finds
Strong Social
Networks (75% of
IDPs hosted) and
LOTS of vacant
and underutilized
land



BOTH GOMA AND KABUL ARE CONFLICT-PRONE SETTLEMENTS, SO STRATEGIES ARE NOT JUST APPLICABLE TO POSTDISASTER SETTINGS

SECTOR LINKAGES A KEY TO RESPONDING TO CONTEXT LINKAGES

- Shelter-led yes, but
- Multi-sectoral, reflecting multifaceted character of context
- Overcoming "stove-pipe" approaches begins at home, among & between humanitarian actors.

- Context includes not only needs assessment of affected populations, but engagement with them via socially recognized authorities and official governing structures
- Engagement with this facet of context enhances prospects for success, but doesn't guarantee it.

Finally...

35km2

otal populated area of Goma

- Even though humanitarian, recognize that S&S strategies are inherently developmental
- Recognize that engagement with affected populations might be first time they've participated in developmental activity, and
- Recognize that developmental activity may be only game in town, may thus be perceived as development, and thus may present new opportunities & challenges.



